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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to registration fees for electric and
- 2 hybrid-electric motor vehicles, and making penalties
- 3 applicable.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 a motor vehicle propelled exclusively by one or more electric
2 motors using electrical energy stored in a battery or other
3 energy storage device.

4 The bill also imposes an annual hybrid-electric motor
5 vehicle registration fee of \$50 for hybrid-electric
6 motor vehicles. The annual hybrid-electric motor vehicle
7 registration fee is in addition to the annual registration
8 fee imposed on such vehicles under current law. The bill
9 defines "hybrid-electric motor vehicle" to mean a motor vehicle
10 propelled by a combination of an internal combustion engine and
11 one or more electric motors using electrical energy stored in a
12 battery or other energy storage device.

13 Under current law, the annual registration fee imposed
14 pursuant to Code section 321.109, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
15 is equal to 1 percent of the value of the vehicle plus \$.40
16 for each 100 pounds of weight of the vehicle, as fixed by the
17 department of transportation. The fee applies to all motor
18 vehicles including vehicles designated by manufacturers as
19 station wagons, 1993 and subsequent model year multipurpose
20 vehicles, and 2010 and subsequent model year motor trucks
21 with an unladen weight of 10,000 pounds or less, but does not
22 apply to motor trucks registered under Code section 321.122,
23 business-trade trucks, special trucks, motor homes, motorsports
24 recreational vehicles, ambulances, hearses, autocycles,
25 motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and 1992 and older model year
26 multipurpose vehicles.

27 By operation of law, driving an electric or hybrid-electric
28 motor vehicle without paying the electric or hybrid-electric
29 motor vehicle registration fee imposed under the bill is a
30 violation of Code section 321.17, which is a simple misdemeanor
31 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$50.